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Identification:

Preferred Structure Name: Milton Mine Ore Loading Platform

Structure Number: HS12A

Other Structure Name(s):

Other Structure Name(s)

No records.

Park: Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

Historic District:

Historic District

No records.

Structure State: Arizona
Structure County: Pima

Region: Intermountain
Cluster: Southwest

Administrative Unit: Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

LCS ID: 001196

Historical Significance:

National Register Status: Entered - Documented

National Register Date: 09/01/1978

National Historic Landmark?: No
Significance Level: Local

Short Significance Description: The Milton Mine Ore Loading Platform, Organ Pipe NM, was entered on the

NR, at the local level, Criteria A, as an example of low-budget, surface mining in the Sonoran Desert area adjacent to the US/Mexican border.

Intermittent period of significance, 1911-1966.

Long Significance Description:

The Milton Mine Ore Loading Platform is one of the surviving structures of the Milton Mine, Organ Pipe NM, which was entered on the National Register, at the local level, as an example of low-budget, surface mining in the Sonoran Desert area adjacent to the US/Mexican border. The period of significance is intermittent, dating from 1911, when Milton filed the first claim through 1966, when the area was claimed by C.A. Withers and Jim Gabouda who renamed it the Copper Giant.

Throughout its existence the Milton Mine produced gold and copper ore in very small quantities. It was named after its discoverer, Jefferson Davis Milton, who located it while serving as an immigration agent in the border region. Various others claimed the site over the years.

The Milton Mine with its associated surviving structures and historic scene was entered on the National Register of Historic Places on September 1, 1978.

Construction Period:

Construction Period:

Historic

Chronology:

		Begin			
Physical	Begin	Year	End	End Year	Designer
Event	Year	AD/BC	Year	AD/BC	Designer Occupation
1. Built	1914	AD	1920	AD	

Function and Use:

Primary Historic Function: Extractive Facility (Mining)

Primary Current Use: Ruin
Structure Contains Museum No

Collections?:

Other Functions or Uses: Other Function(s) or Use(s) Historic or Current

No records.

Physical Description:

Structure Type: Ruin
Square Feet: 192

Material(s):

Structural Component(s) Material(s)

1. Superstructure Wood

Short Physical Description: Multi-purpose structure made of rough-hewn timbers, served as dump ramp,

platform and tipple. Approx. 12 x 16 x 20' high.

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